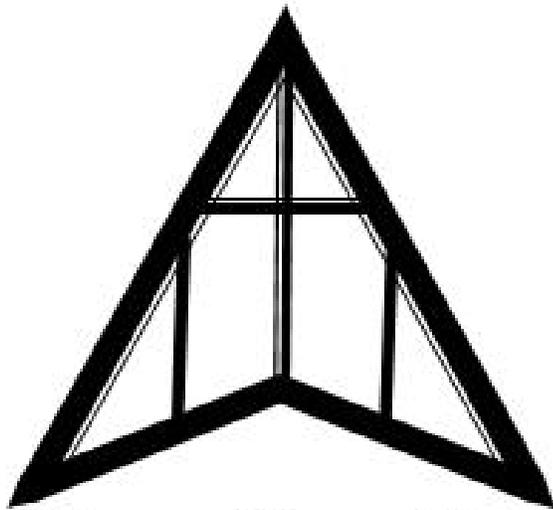


Large Print
Bulletin
&
Announcements

Welcome To
Northwood Presbyterian
Church

A Stephen Ministry Church
Organized February 19, 1978

February 22, 2026
7:00pm



Come, Grow, Go!

Ministers: All Members of the Church

E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care & Mission

Northwood Presbyterian Church

2875 State Road 580, Clearwater, FL 33761

(727) 796-8090

www.northwoodpc.org

Like us on Facebook!

facebook.com/npc.clearwater

Order for the Public Worship of God
February 22, 2026
1st Sunday in Lent
10:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY “Scotland the Brave” arr. John Scott
(Let us quietly prepare our hearts for worship during the opening voluntary)

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Chris Curvin, Pastor

PREPARATORY DECLARATION

One: Bring forth the Tartans!

PROCESSION OF THE TARTANS

“Colin’s Cattle”

Gemma Briggs, Jarrett Mattson & Lukas Keller

*LITANY OF BLESSING OF THE TARTANS AND CLANS OF THE KIRK

One: Thank you O Lord, for your Holy Word which has ordained a rich heritage of faith and sacrifice from our ancestors: from Adam and Eve to the incarnation of Jesus Christ, to the establishment of his church everywhere. Never let us forget that our heritage of faith is a gift to be shared and celebrated with others, not a treasure to be hoarded.

All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: We praise you, O Lord, for those who have lived and died in Christ that we might have the freedom to dwell in a community of faith. Never let us forget that the days of sacrifice are not yet over, that we too, have lives to live in faith.

All: Bless us that we may be a blessing, O Lord.

One: Raise the Tartans! *(a pause as all lift high their tartans)*

All: On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on his servant people in all lands.

One: Place the tartans. Eternal God, our Father, bless these symbols of heritage and grant that those who bear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you; through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

***PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(Please complete the bulletin insert, "FRIENDSHIP SHEET," and pass it toward the center aisle.)

***HYMN**

"From Highland Peaks"

BROTHER JAMES' AIR

**From Highland peaks of chill and mist to warm and sandy plains,
you led your parents in the past, with love that still remains,
and through our present joys and fears,
your spirit lives and reigns.**

**By skirling pipes' exalting notes, our hearts are deeply stirred.
In tears and laughter, praise and prayer
your grace is felt and heard.**

In questions and in quietness, you speak your living word.

**O God of past and future years, and source of all we own,
our peace and plenty, health and hope, our spirits' true shalom,
in mist and sun, you light our path, and gently leads us home.**

(text written by Mary Louise Bringle, used by permission)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

All: **Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your holy realm. You adorn us with the armor of light, but we hide ourselves in darkness. You trust us with the message of grace, but we bury that treasure in fear. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #581

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

ANTHEM

“Marching to Zion”

Gemma Briggs, Bagpipes

*Come ye that love the Lord and make your joys be known.
Join in a song with sweet accord, join in a song with sweet accord,
And thus surround the throne and thus surround the throne.
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We're marching upwards to Zion the beautiful city of God.*

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry.
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
We're marching through Immanuel's ground,
To fairer worlds on high to fairer worlds on high,
We're marching to Zion, beautiful, beautiful Zion,
We're marching upwards to Zion the beautiful city of God.*

CALL TO OFFERING

*(Church offerings are given through the giving stations in the hallway,
online or through the mail.)*

*DOXOLOGY #606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN #664

“Morning Has Broken”

BUNESSAN

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 121 (NRSVUE)
John 10:11-16 (NRSVUE)

SERMON

“I Will Lift Up My Eyes to the Hills”
Chris Curvin, Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

*HYMN #687

“O God, Our Help in ages Past”

ST. ANNE

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.**

**Beneath the shadow of Thy throne, Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone, And our defense is sure.**

**Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.**

**A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.**

**Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.**

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

***BENEDICTION**

**CLOSING PROCESSION “Atholl Highlanders”
Gemma Briggs, Jarrett Mattson & Lukas Keller**

*(You are invited to reflect on the worship service during the closing
voluntary. If you must leave before the end of the service, please respect
those who remain and leave quietly.)*

**Congregation will stand. If standing is difficult for you,
feel free to remain seated.*

Please ensure all electronic devices are on silent during the service.

Stephanie Carson, Director of Traditional Music; David Furr, Organist